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FACT SHEET: HOW TO APPLY FOR STORM SANDY DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTICUT

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Daniel P. Malloy is encouraging Connecticut residents recovering from the impact of Storm Sandy in the four eligible counties to register for disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The major federal disaster declaration, signed by President Obama on October 30, offers federal assistance available to individuals, businesses, non-profits, and municipalities in Fairfield, New Haven, Middlesex and New London counties. Residents from these counties are eligible to register.

Assistance for losses sustained anytime after the storm, which began on October 27 and ended October 31, may include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help recover from the effects of the disaster. Even those with insurance may be eligible for help from FEMA if their insurance policy does not cover all their needs.

This is how the process works:

STEP 1: Register with FEMA

There are several ways to register:

- Apply online anytime at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. This is the preferred and most efficient method.
- Call **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY at 1-800-462-7585**. The toll-free number is open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days per week.
- By smartphone or tablet, use m.fema.gov.

When applying for aid, you will receive a nine-digit registration number that can be used for reference when corresponding with FEMA.

It is helpful to have the following information handy:

- Current telephone number;
- Address at the time of the disaster and current address;
- Social Security number, if available;
- A general list of damages and losses;
- If insured, the name of insurance company, agent and policy number; and
- Bank routing number for any direct deposit.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers:

Those with additional questions or who would like to speak to someone in person have the option of visiting one of several FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) that have been set up around the state. The DRCs are located at:

BRIDGEPORT

Housatonic Community College
900 Lafayette Boulevard
Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FAIRFIELD

Senior Center
100 Mona Terrace
Mondays through Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

GREENWICH

Western Greenwich Civic Center, Room 203
449 Pemberwick Road
Mondays through Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

GROTON

Groton Senior Center
102 Newtown Road
Mondays through Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MILFORD

Simon Lake Elementary School
59 Devonshire Road
Mondays through Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN

Gateway Community College, Long Wharf Campus, Room 160
60 Sargent Drive
Mondays through Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NORWALK

Norwalk City Hall (Mobile DRC)

125 East Avenue

November 27, 2012, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

November 28 through December 1, 2012, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OLD SAYBROOK

Department of Police Services, Conference Room

6 Custom Drive

Mondays through Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

STEP 2: Receive a Property Inspection

Within a few days after registering, eligible applicants will be telephoned to make an appointment to have their damaged property inspected. The inspectors, who are FEMA contractors and carry identification badges, visit to make a record of damage. They do not make a determination regarding assistance. There is no cost for the inspection.

STEP 3: All Applicants Will Receive a Letter from FEMA Regarding the Status of Their Requests for Federal Assistance

Some will also receive an application for a low-interest disaster recovery loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Anyone who has questions about the letter from FEMA should call the helpline (1-800-621-3362 or TTY, 1-800-462-7585).

Those who receive an application packet from the SBA should complete and submit the forms. No one is required to accept a loan, but submitting the application may open the door to additional FEMA grants.

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